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GOVERNOR SUSANA MARTINEZ ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION OF DOH SECRETARY DR. CATHERINE TORRES

SANTA FE – Governor Susana Martinez announced today that Dr. Catherine Torres is resigning from her position as Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health. Dr. Torres was appointed to the position by Governor Martinez in January 2011. Prior to joining the administration, she was a practicing pediatrician in Las Cruces.

"I'm grateful to Dr. Torres for her hard work leading one of our largest state agencies," said Governor Martinez. "During her time as Cabinet Secretary, Dr. Torres demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of all New Mexicans. I thank her for her service and I wish her the very best in her future endeavors."

"It has been an honor to serve as the Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Health for nearly two years," Dr. Torres commented. "I am extremely proud of the work that we have been able to accomplish to improve our state and the lives of the people of New Mexico. Unfortunately, due to recent personal developments, including the passing of my mother and a heartfelt desire to spend time with my family, it is time to move on. I thank the governor for her confidence in me as the leader of the New Mexico Department of Health."

Dr. Torres will continue to work with the governor's office to ensure a smooth transition to new permanent leadership at the Department of Health. Until a replacement is appointed, Deputy Secretary Brad McGrath will assume the duties of secretary. Secretary Torres' resignation is effective two weeks from today.

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